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SUBJECT: Exception to the Biweekly Earnings

Limitation for Employees Performing

Work in Support of Operation Uphold Democracy

Under section 550.106(a) of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, the Secretary or his designee may authorize an exception to the GS-15, step 10, biweekly earnings limitation for work performed in connection with an emergency situation. Employees excepted from the biweekly limitation are still subject to an annual limitation equal to the rate of pay for GS-15, step 10. However, law enforcement officers (LEO's) are covered by the biweekly earnings limitation in section 5547(c) of Title 5, United States Code and are not covered by the authority to apply the annual limitation during emergencies.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration has determined that exception of the biweekly earnings limitation is appropriate for those employees (other than LEO's) performing emergency work in connection with the effort to restore a democratic government in Haiti (Operation Uphold Democracy) or its aftermath. Operating administrations are therefore authorized, beginning the first day of the first pay period in which Operation Uphold Democracy began (September 4, 1994), to apply the GS-15, step 10, limitation to the payment of premium pay for employees performing duties in support of the operation. This exception will remain in effect until December 4, 1994, at which time a determination will be made as to whether it should be extended.

If you have any questions, please call Jan Karicher of my staff on (202) 366-9450.

Director of Personnel

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